

Rumrill, Nancy

From: Pamela Blunt (b)(6)/Privacy Act
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:22 AM
To: Rumrill, Nancy
Subject: RE: Supplemental comments regarding Gunnison Copper Project Class III Draft Underground Injection Control Permit

Dear Ms. Rumrill,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Class III Underground Injection Control Permit (UIC) for Excelsior Mining's Gunnison Copper Project located in Cochise County, Arizona.

In situ mining intentionally pollutes groundwater. In addition, this type of mining has never returned groundwater to pre-mining conditions. This is unacceptable.

Groundwater anyplace in Arizona is a very precious commodity upon which our communities and wildlife depend for their very survival. We have been coping with drought conditions for several years and cannot afford irrevocably damage this vital resource.

This is a new company that has never attempted this type of mining, which is also a new approach to mining copper.

Residents in this area also have an investment and the conceptual models of the project show that existing wells could be permanently damaged.

There are many aspects of this project that have been poorly planned from the lack of some required original research through the actual mining and monitoring phase and beyond. I know that detailed information concerning these issues has already been sent to you so I will not elaborate here.

The EPA exists to protect citizens, land and resources from this kind of damaging project. I sincerely hope that the EPA will do its job and stop this poorly planned and potentially ruinous project.

Please keep me informed of any further actions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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